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No. 607. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer 8th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 10th June 1863:—

SIR,

1. Referring to Government Order No. 316 of the 6th February 1863, I have the honor to request sanction from the Reserve Fund of Rupees 800, for the investigation of the Perryár project, and to suggest the employment on this duty of Lieutenant Mead, R. E., who has already visited this work with Captain Ryves, R. E., and takes a great interest in its promotion.

2. He possess a great advantage in having a knowledge of the hills, having been also engaged in tracing the Goodaloor Ghát.

3. It appears likely that from the 1st September to the 1st March will be the best season for this expedition, with a probable interruption by the north-east monsoon for a short period in October, November.

4. During the later months of the year which are the most healthy, the long grass causes a serious obstruction, and I would beg that Lieutenant Mead be allowed the use of two of the Government Elephants to enable him to see the country over it, as the grass dries and can be burnt off he will be able to examine the ground more closely and check his survey, but the prevalence of fever limits this period of open country to one or one and half month at most.

5. Some little time will be required to allow of the organization of a party of coolies for cutting jungle and other work connected with the investigation, and for preparing for travelling in a forest country; and therefore I would urge the subject on the early consideration of Government.

6. Further, I beg to submit the propriety of making some addition to the salary of an Officer thus employed, who cannot carry about in the forests the tents which he usually has in the champaign country. I do not know the scale of pay allotted to the newly proposed establishment of Officers, but apart from this, I trust that the Government will see fit to give a special allowance to Lieutenant Mead while engaged on this project, or of furnishing him with hill tents and carriage for them in addition to his salary and travelling allowance which will have to cover the cost of carrying food, &c., to a distance.

No. 608. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1863, No. 1,682.

In the arrangements for the re-organization of the Public Works Department, the services of a certain number of Officers will be made available for special duty; Government will then take an early opportunity of deputing one for the investigation of the Perryár project.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Superintending Engineer 8th Dn.

To

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Your Most Obedient Servant

J. Hubert [signature] Captain R.E.

Superintending Engineer 8th Div.

To

Colonel W. S. Birdwood R.E.

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